

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings includes a change to Fig. 4A (replacing element #160 with #162) and the addition of Figs. 4D and 7D.

These sheets, which include Figs. 4A-4D and 7A-7D, replace the original sheets containing Figs. 4A-4C and 7A-7C.

Attachment: 2 Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to express gratitude to the Examiner for the indication that claims 2-29 are allowed

Applicant believes that no new matter is added by way of the amendments made herein.

Interview Summary

Applicant's attorney expresses thanks to the Examiner for the telephone interviews to discuss acceptable drawings.

Applicant's attorney and the Examiner were the only participants in the interview.

During the interview, no exhibit was shown nor any demonstration conducted.

The parties discussed the drawing objection in the previous Response. The Examiner indicated that the drawing changes submitted herewith would overcome the outstanding objection.

Concerning the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) and objected to the previous drawing amendment.

Applicant submits amended drawings based on discussions with the Examiner. The attached sheets of drawings includes a change to Fig. 4A (replacing element #160 with #162) and the addition of Figs. 4D and 7D.

Applicant notes that the specification is amended to reflect the amended drawings.

Support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. In addition, support for the fasteners being connected may be found towards the end of paragraph [0051].

Concerning the Objection to the Specification

The Office Action objected to the previous amendment to the specification.

Applicant notes that previously added paragraph [0042.1] is similar to the language in claim 11 as originally filed.

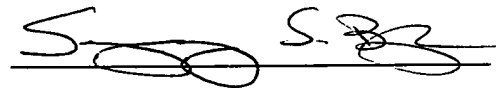
Furthermore, the language in paragraphs [0020.1] and [0049.01] are similar to the language of claim 15 as originally filed. Accordingly, applicant believes that these amendments do not introduce any new matter.

In view of the above, applicant believes that these amendments do not add any new matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejections and pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Bagade', is written over a horizontal line.

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